

Amendments To The Claims

Claims 1 and 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Previously amended): A composition according to Claim 40 wherein said C14 – C18 monocarboxylic acid salt is calcium stearate.

Claims 4 and 5. (Canceled)

Claim 6. (Previously amended): A composition according to Claim 3 wherein the water-soluble surface active agent is an anionic surfactant.

Claim 7. (Previously amended): A composition according to Claim 6 wherein said anionic surfactant is sodium cocoyl N-methyl taurate.

Claims 8 - 32 (Canceled)

Claim 33. (Currently amended): A composition according to Claim 3 wherein said particulate material is present in an amount of 15% to 41% by weight, ~~the ratio of emollient material to calcium stearate is in the range of 4:1 to 2.5:1~~ and said water soluble surface active agent is an anionic surfactant.

Claims 34 - 36 (Canceled)

Claim 37. (Withdrawn): A method of cleansing and conditioning the skin of the hands, face, heels/ knees/ elbows and/or the body of human being that comprises the steps of (I) applying the cosmetic composition of Claim 10 to the area of the body to be conditioned; (II) massaging said composition into the skin of said area with the hands; (III) rinsing the composition from the treated skin with clear, tepid water; and (IV) drying said treated area by patting with a towel, said method being effective to deposit a film of emollient material on the skin, thereby cleansing, smoothing, softening and moisturizing said skin.

Claim 38. (Canceled)

Claim 39. (Currently amended) A composition according to Claim 40 wherein the emollient ~~material~~ oil is macadamia seed oil, the water-soluble surface active agent is sodium

cocoyl N-methyl taurate, the water-insoluble monocarboxylic acid salt is calcium stearate and the particulate material is a mixture of starch and sodium chloride and the resultant composition is substantially anhydrous.

Claim 40. (Previously added): A cosmetic exfoliating composition for use in cleansing and conditioning the skin of the hands, face, heels/knees/elbows and/or the body of a human being in the form of a extrudable paste or cream that comprises: (A) 40% to 60% by weight of emollient material consisting of a major proportion of emollient oil selected from the group consisting of animal oils, vegetable or plant derived oils, hydrocarbon oils, silicone oils and mixtures thereof and a minor proportion of an emollient hydrophobic compound selected from the group consisting of C12 –C18 fatty acids, C12 – C18 fatty alcohols, C12 – C18 fatty esters, Shea butter, lanolin or a lanolin derivative, lecithin and mixtures thereof; (B) a water-soluble surface active agent selected from the group consisting of anionic, nonionic, amphoteric, zwitterionic and cationic surfactants in a proportion selected from the range of 0.4% to 8.0% by weight, said proportion being effective to deposit a skin softening amount of emollient material on the treated skin without a greasy after-feel when said composition is rinsed from skin with water and the skin is dried; (C) a calcium or magnesium salt of a C14 – C18 monocarboxylic acid wherein the weight ratio of emollient material to said monocarboxylic acid salt is in the range of 4:1 to 2.5:1, said proportion being adequate to produce a composition in the form of a stable, extrudable paste or cream; (D) 10% to 45% by weight of a non-irritating, mildly abrasive, skin compatible, particulate material that is effective to cleanse and lubricate the skin without abrading the skin, said particulate material including a mixture of 8% to 20% by weight of a starch material selected from the group consisting of starches and enzyme or acid hydrolyzed starches with another particulate material selected from the group consisting of sodium chloride, pumice, talc and vegetable flour; and (E)

0% to 10% by weight of water; said composition being effective to cleanse, soften, smooth and moisturize the skin when the composition is applied to and massaged into the skin, thereafter rinsed from the skin with tepid water and the skin is dried.

Claim 41. (Previously added) A composition according to Claim 40 particularly suitable for use in cleansing and conditioning the hands of a human being wherein the proportion of the water-soluble surface active agent is 0.4% to 3.0% by weight and the particulate mixture includes sodium chloride.

Claim 42. (Currently amended) A composition according to Claim 40 particularly suitable for use in cleansing and conditioning the heels/knees/elbows of a human being wherein the proportion of the water-soluble surface active agent is 2.0% to 8.0% by weight and the particulate ~~matter~~ mixture includes pumice.

Claim 43. (Previously added) A composition according to Claim 40 particularly suitable for use in cleansing and conditioning the face and body of a human being wherein the proportion of the water-soluble surface active agent is 4.0% to 8.0% by weight.